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Unidentified AAA Installation in Prerov

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soldiers of this installation wore black shoulderboards with red piping and some type of metal insignia.

the metal insignia did not represent crossed cannons. Stripes to denote ranks, which were also worn on the shoulderboards, were red in color.

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New Military Installations near Prerov

5. [redacted] haul building material for the construction of new military barracks. They were to be located on the east outskirts of Prerov on Jeremenska Street. (See page 6, point 7.) This project was being constructed by the Moravostav National Enterprise.¹

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[redacted] the area in which the construction had been started measured approximately 500 x 200 m.

6. Within the construction area, [redacted] three or four one-story wooden barracks, measuring about 20 x 4 m. They were enclosed by a mesh wire fence about two meters high. The entrance was guarded by a soldier armed with a submachine gun.

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[redacted] This area was occupied by Politicky technicky prapor (Political Technical Battalion).² Its men were engaged in building a new military installation.

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Unidentified Border Guard Personnel in Decin

7. [redacted] there were Border Guard (PS - Pohranicni straz) troops stationed in Decin (N 50-47, E 14-13). [redacted] PS officers and enlisted personnel there, wearing army-type OD uniforms with service caps which had medium-green tops. Their collar flashes were also medium green; fastened over the flashes were metal wolfhound-head insignia. The officers' shoulderboards were gold in color, while those of the enlisted personnel were medium green.

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8. [redacted] 10 male PS officers and four female PS officers in the Grand Hotel, located directly across from the Decin railroad station. [redacted] this group lived in the hotel.

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9. [redacted]

Interior Guard in Uhersky Brod

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11. On several occasions [redacted] some VS enlisted men talking among themselves. They were slightly intoxicated and were worried about being back in their barracks in time for taps. [redacted] these VS personnel were stationed in Uhersky Brod and were possibly performing guard duty at an alleged explosives factory in the town.³

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Technical and PTP Battalions in Prerov

12. In a former monastery on Sirava Street in Prerov, units were located which were known [redacted] as a Technical Battalion (TP - Technicky prapor) and a PTP Battalion. In the summer of 1953, [redacted] approximately three times, a formation of TP men leaving this installation. They wore regular OD Army uniforms with black shoulder-

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boards, color of piping [] with unidentified metal insignia on them, and field caps. They were armed with submachine guns [] A lieutenant wearing gold shoulderboards with black piping was in charge of the formation.

13. [] men found to be politically unreliable at the time of induction were assigned to a PTP Battalion. []

some former students in higher educational institutions, including theological institutions, were in the PTP unit in Prerov. They received the same pay as regular soldiers but did manual labor on military construction projects. They received additional pay for work exceeding the norms established. [] some of them received as much as 300 crowns a month, including their soldier's pay. PTP men did not know how long they had to remain in service; []

14. Because PTP men were classified as politically unreliable, they did not have any weapons. However, when off duty, they wore regular OD Army uniforms with plain black shoulderboards (no other insignia). While working, they wore a light green, two-piece work uniform with a plain field cap of the same material.

15. In the spring of 1953, five members of this unit helped [] haul construction materials for the new barracks on the Zelatovice road. (See page 6, point 7.)

1. []
2. [] Comment. The correct nomenclature for this type of unit as previously reported is "Auxiliary Technical Battalion (PTP - Pomocny technicky prapor)".
3. []

Legend: Unidentified AAA Unit Location, Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27)
(See page 5).

1. Anti-aircraft gun park: Approximately 20 85-mm. Model 1939 Soviet AA-guns were parked in this area. []

2. Underground shelters: Two cement underground 20 x 2 m. buildings, with only the curved roofs above ground.

3. Radar (?): [] It was mobile, but []

[] referred to as "naslouchac" (a listening device). It consisted of a windowless trailer on four wheels, approximately four meters long and three meters high, over the top of which was an elliptically shaped parabolic sweeper. []

4. Motor park: Approximately 25 to 30 trucks, consisting of ten-ton Tatra 111's and 3½-ton Praga RND's, were parked there.
5. Kitchen and storage building: One-story stucco building, approximately 100 x 15 m. About one third of the building was a kitchen, another third was used as a storage for coal and wood, and the remainder was occupied by about three ordinary wooden horse-drawn wagons.

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6. Offices and repair shops: One-story dark gray stucco building, approximately 200 x 30 m.
7. A wooden building: Approximately 10 x 8 m.
8. Barracks: Four-story gray stucco building, approximately 200 x 30 m.
9. Guard house: A wooden building, approximately 20 x 30 m.

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The entire installation was surrounded by a wooden picket fence about two meters high. Furthermore, railroad crossing type gates were between buildings (points 5 and 6, and 6 and 7), which separated the gun and motor parks from the barracks area.

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Legend: Military Installations, Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27)
(See page 6)

1. Unidentified AAA Unit: For details of this installation, see sketch, page 5.
2. Officer dependent quarters: A brick apartment building, approximately 40 x 20 m., under construction by Moravostav, National Enterprise. The project was started in January 1954; only three stories were completed in July 1954.
3. Moravostav, National Enterprise: A national enterprise, located on Jan Masaryk Street, engaged exclusively in preparing plans and carrying on construction and repairs of military installations. PTP personnel furnished manual labor under the supervision of skilled civilians.
4. TP and PTP installation: A four-story gray building, approximately 80 x 30 m. This building, a former monastery, was located in a city block, with other buildings on either side.
5. An alleged atomic bomb shelter.
6. Moravostav supply depot: Located in the southern section of town on the road to Mostenice. It was constructed by PTP in 1953 and covered an area approximately 400 x 200 m. The building material, such as, cement, sewage pipes, and bricks, was stored in sheds or out in the open. The entire area was surrounded by a mesh wire fence approximately two meters high, and two Industrial Guards (ZS - Zavodni straz) were on duty at the gate.
7. New military installation: Still under construction in August 1954. Details unknown.
8. Optika Factory: Gun sights for the MIG-15 were made there.
9. Civilian Hospital

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Svedske Sance: This area located atop a mountain, southeast of Prerov, was off limits to all civilians.

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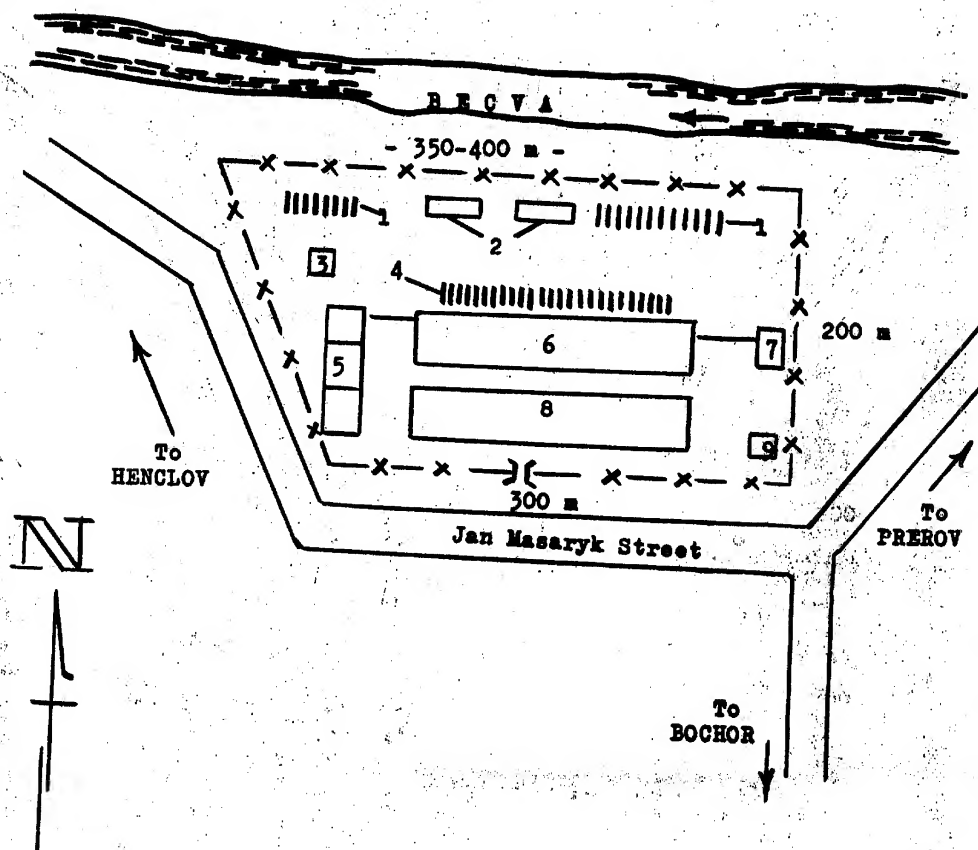
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Unidentified AAA Unit Location, Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27)

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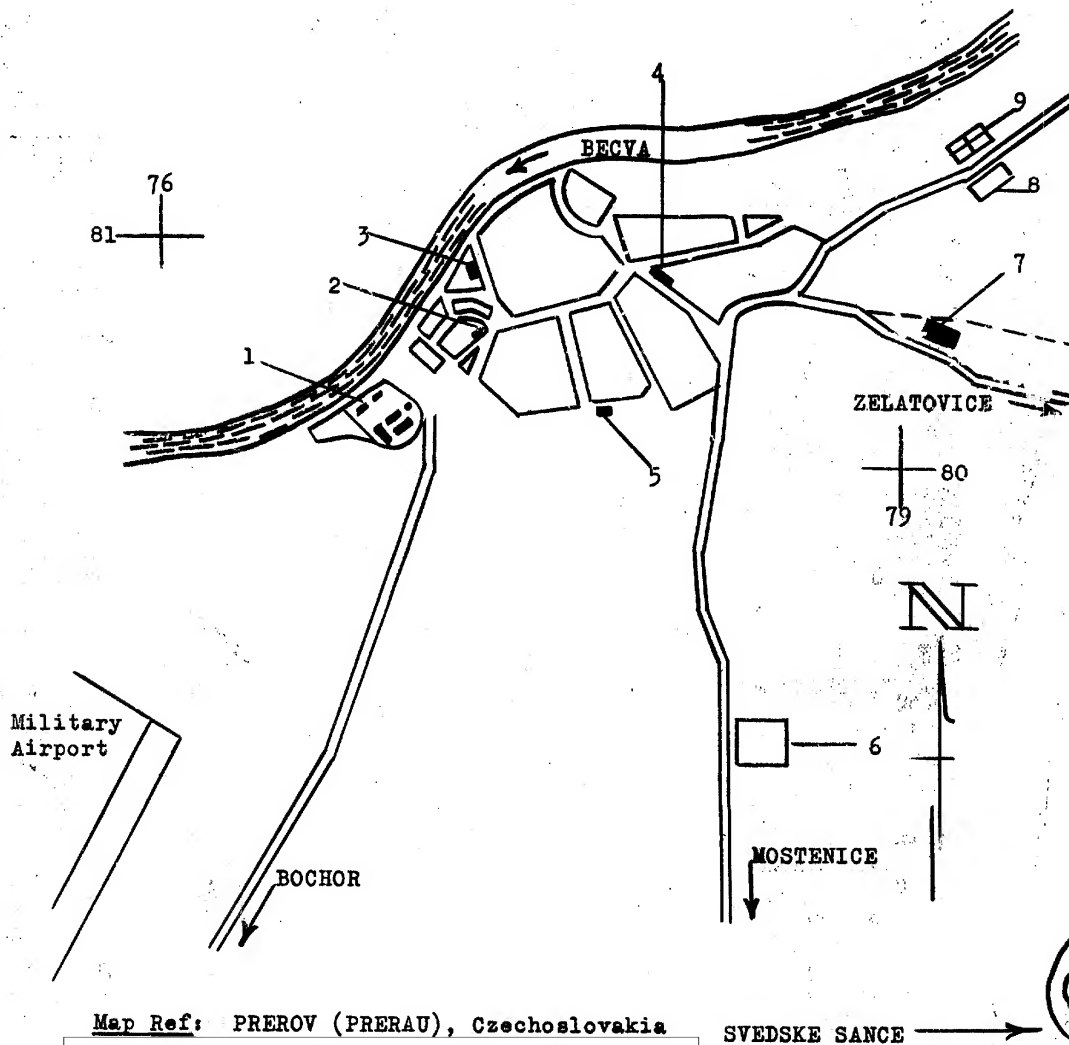
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Military Installation, Prerov (N. 49-27, E. 17-27)



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